

Lesson
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What We "Ment"

Vocabulary

All the words in this lesson contain the suffix *-ment*, denoting "the act, state, quality, or condition."

acknowledgment (ak NAHL ij muhnt) N. recognition of another's existence, validity, authority, or right (*Your canceled check will serve as an acknowledgment that your bill has been paid.*)

allotment (uh LAHT muhnt) N. a distribution portion, or share (*The allotment of the profits was announced at the company's annual meeting.*)

apportionment (uh POR shuhn muhnt) N. a dividing or sharing according to a plan (*The family lawyer will handle the apportionment of the estate.*)

bereavement (bi REEV muhnt) N. the state of suffering a great loss, especially the death of a loved one (*Her inheritance did little to soften Mika's bereavement.*)

bewilderment (bi WIL dur muhnt) N. a state of great confusion (*Annette felt bewilderment when she thought of what career she would choose.*)

blandishment (BLAN dish muhnt) N. something that coaxes or flatters (*She regarded their praise as a weak blandishment and would not alter her plans.*)

disagreement (dis uh GREE muhnt) N. a difference of opinion; a quarrel (*We need to settle our disagreement over this science project.*)

disenchantment (dis en CHANT muhnt) N. a state of being free from illusion (*Knowing a friend has lied can lead to your disenchantment with him or her.*)

displacement (dis PLAYS muhnt) N. the act of being removed from the usual or proper place (*The displacement of refugees is one of the tragic aftermaths of war.*)

embezzlement (em BEZ uhl muhnt) N. the act of stealing property or money entrusted to one's care (*The employee went to jail for embezzlement of the company's pension funds.*)

encroachment (en KROHCH muhnt) N. the act of making gradual inroads upon; an intrusion (*The continuing encroachment of the sea has destroyed the beach.*)

endearment (en DEER muhnt) N. a loving word or act (*Words of endearment are a part of romance.*)

enrollment (en ROHL muhnt) N. the number registered (*The enrollment at the college is increasing.*)

harassment (huh RAS muhnt) N. the act of repeatedly pestering, worrying, or disturbing (*This worldwide harassment by international terrorists has got to stop.*)

indictment (in DYT muhnt) N. a formal written accusation (*The grand jury handed down an indictment against the suspect.*)

inducement (in DOOS muhnt) N. something that persuades; incentive (*The inducement that kept the runner in rigorous training was a chance at the Olympics.*)

maladjustment (MAL uh JUHST muhnt) N. a faulty or inadequate correction or modification (*The car's transmission failed due to a maladjustment of one of the gears.*)

nourishment (NUR ish muhnt) N. something that promotes growth or sustains; food (*Proper nourishment is important for everyone, especially young children.*)

refinement (ri FYN muhnt) N. elegance of style or manners; improvement; polish (*The characters in Jane Austen's novels are noted for their refinement.*)

resentment (ri ZENT muhnt) N. the feeling of being injured or insulted (*Misunderstandings can often lead to resentment.*)